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1. PANAM SWEARS THAT THEY PAY RS. 1775.22 PER 1000 LITERS. BEFORE MARCH 2 THEY PAID RS. 1141.80 PER 1000 LITERS. MEANWHILE, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM OFFICIAL CALCULATED FOR US WHAT HE SAID WAS PRICE OF FUEL AT BOMBAY TO INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS AS FOLLOWS: BASIC PRICE OF ATF EX BOMBAY AIR PORT RS. 1391.57; PLUS SURCHARGE RS. 650.00; LES "BASIC EXCISE DUTY" RS. 359.96 FOR TOTAL PRICE TO INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS OF RS. 1681.61. HE DID NOT KNOW UBAT, IF ANY, LOCAL TAXES IMPOSED. FURTHER ON ISSUE, TIMES OF INDIA MARCH 15 IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON OFFER OF QUANTAS, AEROFLOT, AND KUWAIT AIRLINES TO IMPORT THEIR OWN FUEL, SAYS THAT "ATF PRICES FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES WERE RECENTLY INCREASED FROM RS. 1108.39 TO RS. 1741.81 PER 1000 LITERS." THREE NET PRICES, HOWEVER, ARE IN SAME BALLPARK.

2. REF. PARA. 3 OF BOMBAY 594, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NOTICE OF MARCH 1 ON PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICE INCREASES (IS-28012/3/74)
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LISTS "BASIC CEILINE SELLING PRICES" FOR ATF AT BOMBAY AS RS.

1367.13 EX-STORAGE POINT; RS. 1391.57 EX-INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELDS,
AND RS. 1409.07 EX-OTHER AIRFIELDS. LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE
EXACT RS. 1405.42 FIGURE QUOTED BY ESSO.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING AND REF B WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING
URGENTLY INTO BASIS OF IMPOSITION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF EXCISE,
OCTROI, AND SALES TAXES ON TWA FUEL PURCHASES.
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